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1. Acting DDCI	RECEIVED	FORWARDED	Attached for your information is a news release of Senator Birch Bayh regarding today's issuance of the new Executive order on intelligence. The statement supports the issuance of the Executive order but strongly states that new laws are needed to protect the rights of Americans. The statement is notable for its complete focus on abuses of the past and protecting the rights of American citizens. The statement was issued by Senator Bayh as Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on Intelligence and Rights of Americans; nevertheless, it illustrates Senator Bayh's primary interest regarding intelligence.	
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Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1978

STATEMENT OF SENATOR BIRCH BAYH (D.-Ind.),
CHAIRMAN OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND THE RIGHTS OF AMERICANS,
SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

President Carter's Executive order for the Intelligence Community is a significant step toward the enactment of legislation to provide effective and lasting protection against illegal or improper intelligence activities. I believe the new Executive order opens the way for legislative charters strictly limiting intelligence activities that may affect the rights of Americans.

The order improves the standards and procedures protecting Americans against improper intelligence activities. Many of these changes are the result of close consultation between the Administration and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Although the improvements have not yet resolved every problem, they move in the right direction. The joint efforts of the Select Committee and the Administration will go forward to develop effective safeguards in the statutory charters.

The lesson of history is that executive branch reforms are not enough. As long as intelligence operations are limited only by Presidential orders and Attorney General's guidelines, the restrictive policies of one administration can easily be set aside by another. Therefore, I believe that the only sure way to preserve our rights is for Congress to place clear and comprehensive legislative limits on intelligence activities affecting Americans, because executive self-restraint is a fragile safeguard.

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